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1. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE ENTHUSIASM IN WASHINGTON FOR A FOLLOW-ON MARITIME STUDY AS PROPOSED IN REF A WE ACCEPT CONFIDENTIAL

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MISSIONS CONCLUSION THAT THE US SHOULD ACCEDE TO SUCH A STUDY. THE DIFFICULTY IS PRINCIPALLY ONE OF PRIORITY AND THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES; IF THE STUDY IS UNDERTAKEN IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR MISSION TO PROVIDE THE US REPRESENTATION FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. IN ACCEPTING THAT A RECOMMENDATION BE MADE TO MINISTERS

FOR A FOLLOW-ONE MARITIME STUDY, WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID ANY LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD TEND TO FORECLOSE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF THE RECOMMENDATION AND A CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITIES AMONG STUDIES.

3. WE FIND THE ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE PROVIDED BY MISSION FOR PARA 14 PREFERABLE TO THE REFERENCE TO THE PHASE II REPORT. FURTHER, WE AGREE THAT THE CONCLUSIONS COULD BE

SHORTENED, PARTICULARLY PARA 18. WE SEE NO PARTICULAR PURPOSE TO BE ACHIEVED BY ATTEMPTING, AT THIS TIME, TO DEVELOP AN EXPLICIT LINKAGE TO EITHER THE LTDP OR THE PHASE III EFFORT.

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